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## POLICE FACTS!

# An Amazing NEW HEALTH SUPPORTER BELT

For men in their 30's, 40's, 50's who want to

## LOOK SLIMMER and FEEL YOUNGER

**POSTURE BAD? Got a 'Bay Window'?**

**DO YOU ENVY MEN who can 'KEEP ON THEIR FEET'?**

***and then he got a "CHEVALIER" . . .***

**YOU NEED A "CHEVALIER"!**

**DOES a bulging "bay window" make you look and feel years older than you really are? Then here, at last, is the answer to your problem! "Chevalier", the wonderful new adjustable health supporter belt is scientifically constructed to help you look and feel years younger!**

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## LIFTS AND FLATTENS YOUR BULGING "BAY WINDOW"

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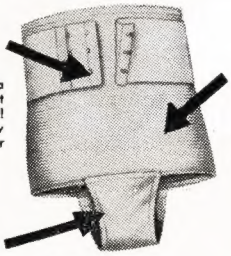

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**FITS SNUG AT SMALL of BACK**

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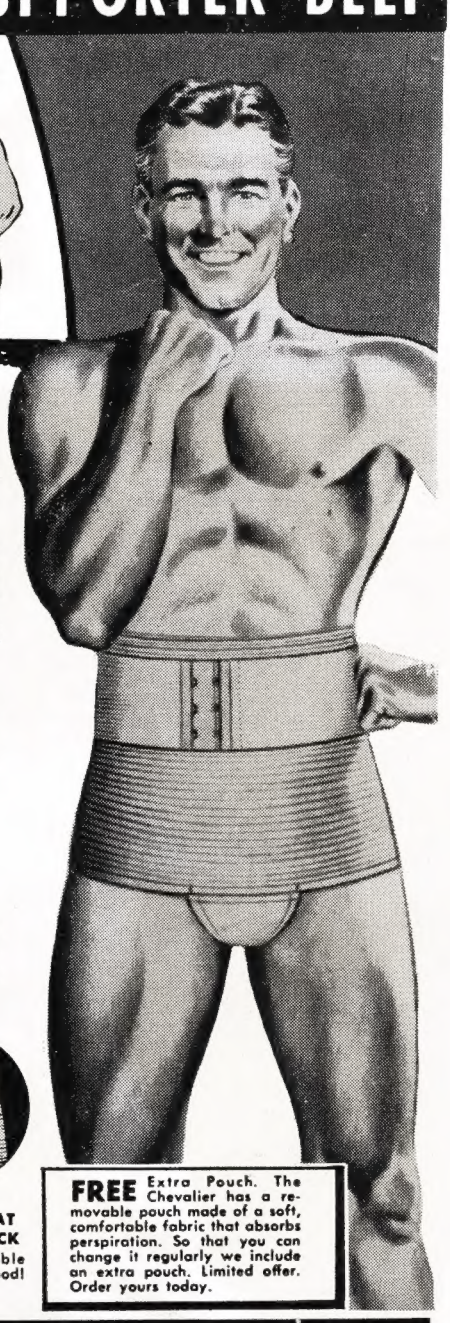

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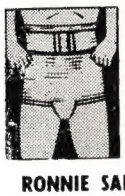

**2.** Try on the "Chevalier". Adjust belt the way you want. See how your bulging "bay window" looks streamlined . . . how comfortable you feel. How good it is!

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# BLACK DAY IN JUNE

FROM THE FILES OF REAL CLUE'S "SELDOM-TOLD TALES OF MANHATTAN" CRIME FILE No. 1892

IT IS ONE DAY IN JUNE 1920... THE NEW YORK MILLIONAIRE DURAND RAGES AT YOUNG WEEMER WHO IS ABOUT TO MARRY HIS DAUGHTER... BECAUSE DURAND IS SURE THAT WEEMER IS MARRYING EMILY FOR MONEY...

I'M WARNING YOU, WEEMER! DON'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS MARRIAGE! YOU DON'T LOVE MY DAUGHTER! YOU'RE A FORTUNE HUNTER! I'LL PAY YOU HANDSOMELY TO CLEAR OUT!
NO, MR. DURAND! YOU'RE WRONG! I DO LOVE EMILY! EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I COULDN'T GO NOW — NOT AN HOUR BEFORE THE WEDDING!
TO AVOID OFFENDING INNOCENT PARTIES OR RELATIVES, SOME NAMES USED IN THIS MAGAZINE ARE FICTITIOUS, AND ARE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE REAL NAMES OF THESE OTHERWISE TRUE CHARACTERS
THIS MAGAZINE IS DEDICATED TO THE PREVENTION OF CRIME. WE HOPE THAT WITHIN ITS PAGES THE YOUTH OF AMERICA WILL LEARN TO KNOW CRIME FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS: A SAD, BLACK, DEAD-END ROAD OF FOOLS AND TEARS

LOVE! WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF LOVE? IT'S BETTER TO BREAK HER HEART NOW THAN LATER!
IF YOU FELT THAT WAY, WHY DID YOU LET THINGS GO THIS FAR?

BECAUSE I KEPT HOPING SHE'D COME TO HER SENSES! WHO ARE YOU? A NOBODY! I DOUBT IF WEEMER IS EVEN YOUR REAL NAME!
IT ISN'T!! BUT EVEN A NOBODY CAN FALL IN LOVE! I WANT EMILY, NOT YOUR MONEY!

YOU'LL NEVER MARRY MY DAUGHTER, WEEMER! EVEN IF I HAVE TO KILL YOU TO PREVENT IT!
UH... I BEG YOUR PARDON, SIR! MISS EMILY SENT ME UP TO HELP MR. WEEMER DRESS!

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THERE MUST BE A HUNDRED GUESTS DOWN THERE! IF THEY ONLY KNEW HOW MR. DURAND FELT! I'M RESTLESS... MUST I STAY UP HERE?
I'M AFRAID SO! AT LEAST UNTIL THE CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
NO!— I CAN'T STAY IN HERE ANOTHER MINUTE... I... I...
JAMES! WHAT HAPPENED?
HE'S BEEN SHOT! ...HE'S DEAD!
EMILY! THERE'S BEEN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT!!
ADAM!! ADAM!!
THERE WERE NO CLUES AND NO ARREST WAS MADE! LATER— AS THE DOCTOR COMES TO ATTEND THE SHATTERED EMILY...
THE CEREMONY... WHEN WILL WE HAVE THE CEREMONY?... A BRIDE CANNOT KEEP THE GROOM WAITING LIKE THIS...
YES, MISS EMILY... YES... WE SHALL HAVE THE CEREMONY IN DUE TIME...
DOCTOR... THIS IS TERRIBLE... MY POOR CHILD THINKS THAT THE WEDDING IS YET TO TAKE PLACE...
I'M AFRAID SO... IT'S A SHOCK WITH WHICH WE MUST DEAL CAREFULLY... VERY CAREFULLY...
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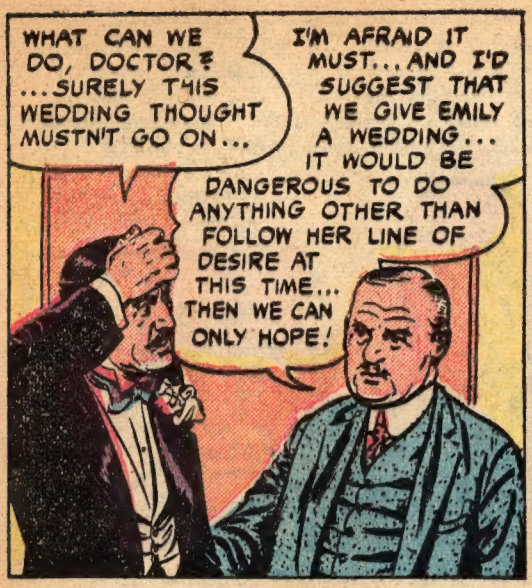
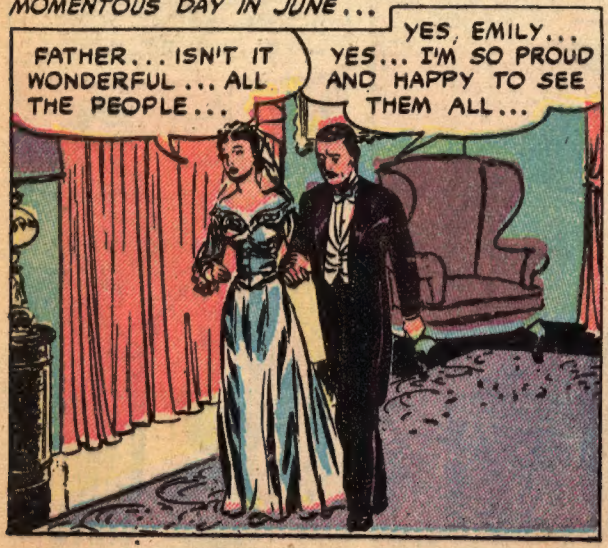

WHAT CAN WE DO, DOCTOR? ...SURELY THIS WEDDING THOUGHT MUSTN'T GO ON...
I'M AFRAID IT MUST... AND I'D SUGGEST THAT WE GIVE EMILY A WEDDING... IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN FOLLOW HER LINE OF DESIRE AT THIS TIME... THEN WE CAN ONLY HOPE!

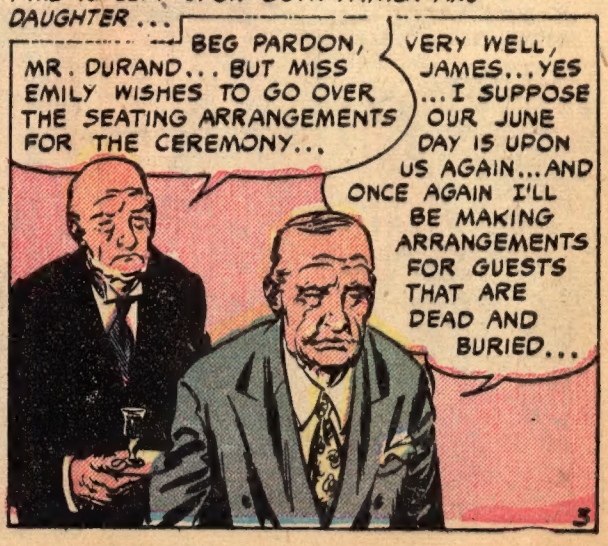
...AND SO... THE GIRL EMILY HAD HER MOCK WEDDING... AND AS SHE WALKS ON HER FATHER'S ARM...

A YEAR PASSES... AND ONCE AGAIN IT IS JUNE...

...AND ONCE AGAIN EMILY DURAND HAS HER MOMENTOUS DAY IN JUNE...




THIRTY YEARS GO BY... AND THE STAMP OF TIME IS LEFT UPON BOTH FATHER AND DAUGHTER...

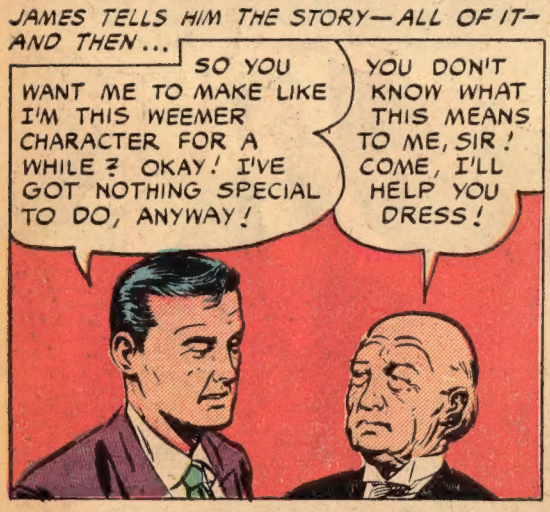

BEG PARDON, MR. DURAND... BUT MISS EMILY WISHES TO GO OVER THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CEREMONY...
VERY WELL, JAMES... YES ...I SUPPOSE OUR JUNE DAY IS UPON US AGAIN... AND ONCE AGAIN I'LL BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GUESTS THAT ARE DEAD AND BURIED...

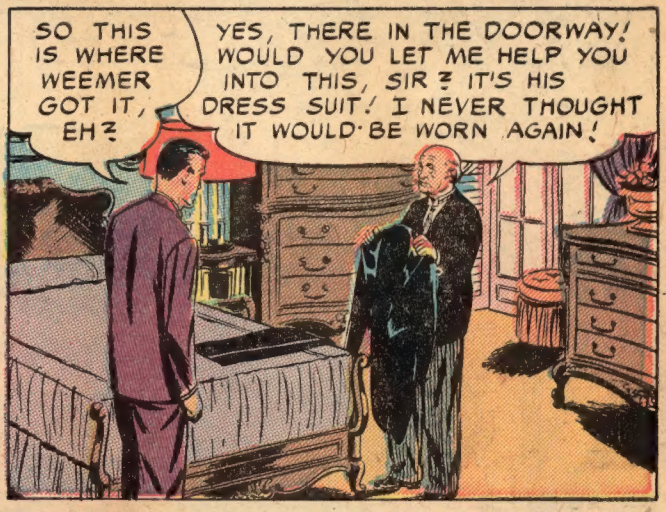
YES, SIR!
YES, SIR! NO, SIR!—GOODNESS, JAMES... IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY?
SHOULD I SAY ANYTHING ELSE, SIR? AFTER ALL, IT IS NOT A SERVANT'S PLACE TO PASS JUDGEMENT!
BUT YOU HAVE JUDGED, HAVEN'T YOU? ALL THESE YEARS YOU'VE THOUGHT I KILLED ADAM WEEMER...
WHAT I THINK IS OF NO IMPORTANCE, SIR! THE POLICE NEVER FOUND ANY PROOF OF WHO KILLED ADAM WEEMER!
OF COURSE NOT! I OH... I'M GOING OUT! TELL MISS EMILY I'LL BE BACK AT NINE O'CLOCK! THIS PLACE IS GETTING ON MY NERVES!
OH, JAMES! IS FATHER IN THE STUDY?
MR. DURAND HAS GONE OUT, MISS! HE WILL BE BACK SHORTLY!
THE FRONT DOOR SUDDENLY OPENS AND...
ADAM!! ADAM!! DARLING...
NO, MISS EMILY— NO...
ADAM... THE DAYS ARE SO LOVELY... WHEN WILL WE TAKE ANOTHER BOAT RIDE...
...YOU NEVER TAKE ME ANYWHERE ANYMORE ...SOMETIMES I WORRY ABOUT YOUR LOVE FOR ME, ADAM...

OKAY, BUSTER— WHAT GIVES? I ACCIDENTALLY GET INTO THE WRONG HOUSE AND THAT HAPPENS!
MISS EMILY MISTOOK YOU FOR SOMEONE ELSE, SIR... A VERY DEAR FRIEND!

BUT SIR... YOU COULD DO A GREAT SERVICE IF YOU WOULD!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE, BUSTER— A MUSEUM? ARE YOU AND THE OLD GIRL THE ONLY ONES AROUND?

NO! THERE ARE THE COOK AND MISS EMILY'S MAID! BUT THEY DON'T LEAVE THEIR ROOMS ON THIS NIGHT!
YEAH? WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS NIGHT?


JAMES TELLS HIM THE STORY—ALL OF IT— AND THEN...
SO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE LIKE I'M THIS WEEMER CHARACTER FOR A WHILE? OKAY! I'VE GOT NOTHING SPECIAL TO DO, ANYWAY!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME, SIR! COME, I'LL HELP YOU DRESS!


SO THIS IS WHERE WEEMER GOT IT, EH?
YES, THERE IN THE DOORWAY! WOULD YOU LET ME HELP YOU INTO THIS, SIR? IT'S HIS DRESS SUIT! I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WORN AGAIN!

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY SHARP 'WAY BACK WHEN!! OKAY, BUSTER, I'LL GET INTO IT! WHY NOT?

A SHORT TIME LATER...
FATHER! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER COME BACK! ADAM IS ALREADY HERE AND THE GUESTS WILL BE ARRIVING SOON!
WILL YOU EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT, SIR?

ADAM? HERE? EMILY, WHAT... THIS IS SOMETHING NEW! THE OTHER TIMES YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ADAM!
REALLY, FATHER, YOU DON'T MAKE SENSE! ADAM IS IN THE GUEST ROOM DRESSING! AND I MUST DRESS, TOO!
JAMES! WHAT'S HAPPENED? EMILY ISN'T ACTING AS SHE ALWAYS DOES!
BUT... SIR! ISN'T IT NORMAL FOR HER TO BE EXCITED AFTER JUST SEEING HER BRIDEGROOM?
HER... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHY, MR. WEEMER, SIR! I'VE JUST FINISHED HELPING HIM DRESS!
NINE O'CLOCK, SIR! WOULD YOU GO TO THE DOOR AS HE DID THIRTY YEARS AGO— JUST TO CARRY OUT THE ILLUSION?
SURE, WHY NOT? I CAN PLAY ALONG WITH A GAG!
NO! IT CAN'T BE!
OH-H-H!
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IT IS YOU! YOU CAME BACK! BUT YOU'LL NEVER MARRY MY DAUGHTER! I KILLED YOU ONCE... I'LL KILL YOU AGAIN!
ADAM! ADAM!
IT ISN'T ADAM THIS TIME, MISS EMILY!
EMILY! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! IT ISN'T ADAM! I WAS CONFUSED! I MADE A MISTAKE!
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE? I HEARD A SHOT!
JOE BARDI! THIS GUY BROKE OUT OF CITY JAIL THIS MORNING! HE'S A KILLER!
HE'S NOT THE ONLY KILLER HERE, OFFICER! YOU'D BETTER ARREST MR. DURAND FOR THE MURDER OF A MAN CALLED ADAM WEEMER!
LATER...
SO YOU RECOGNIZED BARDI FROM HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPER AND TALKED HIM INTO PLAYING A PART! I CAN SEE WHY HE WOULD! THIS WAS A PERFECT HIDEOUT! BUT WHY DID YOU DO IT?
WHY? TO PAY A DEBT! THIRTY YEARS AGO A MAN DIED AND A GIRL DIED, TOO, IN A WAY! SOMEONE HAD TO PAY FOR THAT!
FOR THIRTY YEARS YOU SERVED ME WAITING TO TRAP ME! WHY? WHY?
BECAUSE I HATED YOU! YOU KILLED ADAM WEEMER— BUT I HAD NO PROOF!
THEN ALL THE TIME YOU KNEW! YOU WERE SNEAKING, SPYING, TRYING TO TRAP ME! I WAS RIGHT!
YES, YOU WERE RIGHT! EVEN THIRTY YEARS AGO WHEN YOU SAID ADAM WEEMER WAS A NOBODY— YOU WERE RIGHT!
ADAM WEEMER WAS MY SON--- SIR!

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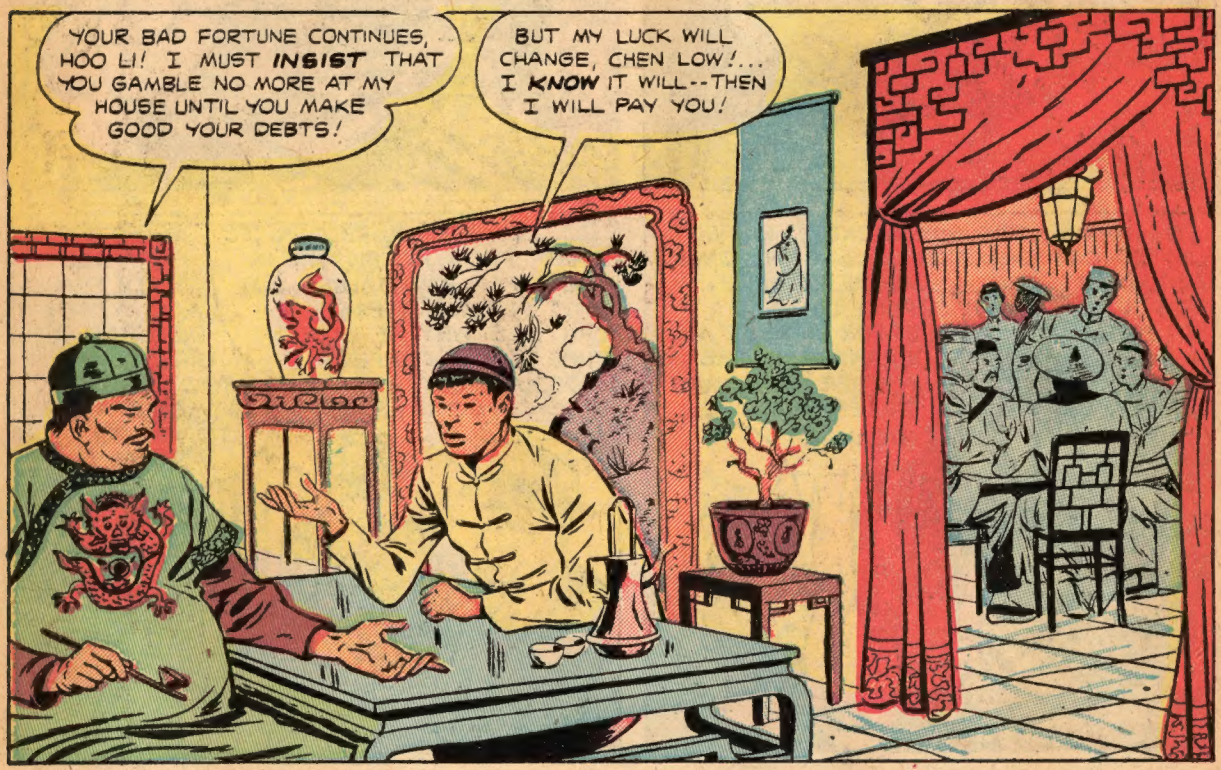
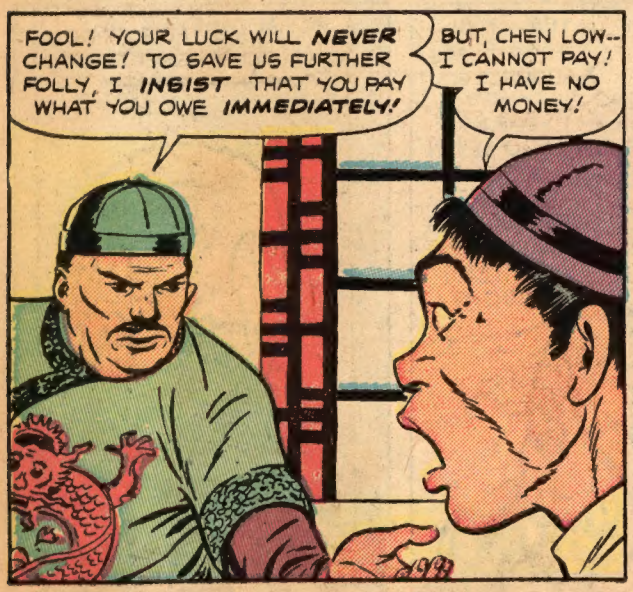
# HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

FROM THE FILES OF REAL CLUE'S "VIGNETTES OF CHINA STRIFE" CRIME FILE No. 1959

WE ARE IN THE CHINESE GAMBLING HOUSE OF THE CUNNING CHEN LOW... THE YOUNG HOO LI HAS RUN UP A LARGE GAMBLING DEBT AND CANNOT PAY... AND HOO LI HAPPENS TO BE THE SON OF A WISE POWERFUL FATHER...


YOUR BAD FORTUNE CONTINUES, HOO LI! I MUST INSIST THAT YOU GAMBLE NO MORE AT MY HOUSE UNTIL YOU MAKE GOOD YOUR DEBTS!
BUT MY LUCK WILL CHANGE, CHEN LOW!... I KNOW IT WILL--THEN I WILL PAY YOU!


FOOL! YOUR LUCK WILL NEVER CHANGE! TO SAVE US FURTHER FOLLY, I INSIST THAT YOU PAY WHAT YOU OWE IMMEDIATELY!
BUT, CHEN LOW-- I CANNOT PAY! I HAVE NO MONEY!

HE HAS WISDOM THERE! A SON'S SINS REFLECT UPON THE FATHER-- AND A MAN'S REPUTATION IS A FRAGILE THING!
HOWEVER, I WILL NOT EXPOSE YOUR DISOBEDIENCE! BUT I SHALL EXPECT PAYMENT WITHIN THE WEEK! GOOD DAY!
WITHIN THE WEEK? VERY WELL, YOU SHALL HAVE IT, CHEN LOW!
FAT PIG! HE SPOUTS WISDOM BUT STILL DEMANDS HIS DEBT! BUT WHERE AM I TO GET THE MONEY?
HMM! "A MAN'S REPUTATION IS A FRAGILE THING!" PERHAPS CHEN LOW HAS WISDOM HE NEVER DREAMED OF! HA! HA!
THE NEXT DAY...
IT IS SO! CHEN LOW'S HOUSE IS A DEN OF THIEVES! THE GAMES THERE ARE DISHONEST!
HOO LI IS RIGHT! MY SKILL IS GREAT, BUT I HAVE LOST THERE OFTEN!
YES, AND I FOUND MARKED CARDS AFTER I HAD LOST MY MONEY!
SO! CHEN LOW IS A CHEAT! I HAVE LONG SUSPECTED IT!
GULLIBLE FOOLS! SO EAGER TO BELIEVE WHAT COMPOSES THEIR PRIDE! NOW TO SPREAD THE POISON FURTHER!

LATER, IN THE HOUSE OF WONG SAN, HOO LI'S FATHER...
YOU SENT FOR ME, FATHER?
YES, MY SON! WORD HAS COME TO MY EARS THAT YOU TALK AGAINST CHEN LOW IN PUBLIC PLACES!
THEY SAY THAT YOU ACCUSE CHEN LOW OF DISHONESTY. IS THIS TRUE, MY SON?
IT HAS PAINED ME TO DO SO--BUT ALAS, IT IS ALL TOO TRUE!
AND HOW WAS THIS WISDOM GAINED, HOO LI?
I HUMBLY CONFESS THAT I PLAYED IN CHEN'S HOUSE... BUT ONLY TO EXPOSE HIS CORRUPTION!
YOUR FRANKNESS PLEASES ME! I FORGIVE YOU! YOU ARE MY SON...AND I BELIEVE YOU! BUT COME--THERE ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT!!
BROTHERS OF THE SING SEE TONG! I HAVE BROUGHT MY SON BEFORE YOU TO HEAR YOUR ARGUMENT! PROCEED!!
THE TONG! WHAT... DO THEY WANT OF ME?
A SERIOUS MATTER HAS ARISEN! CHEN LOW HAS SENT FORMAL INSULT TO THE TONG, SAYING HOO LI LIES AGAINST HIS GOOD NAME!
HE PROCLAIMS YOU AND THE TONG HIS ENEMIES, AND THREATENS WAR UNLESS HOO LI ADMITS HE LIED!
THIS IS SERIOUS INDEED!
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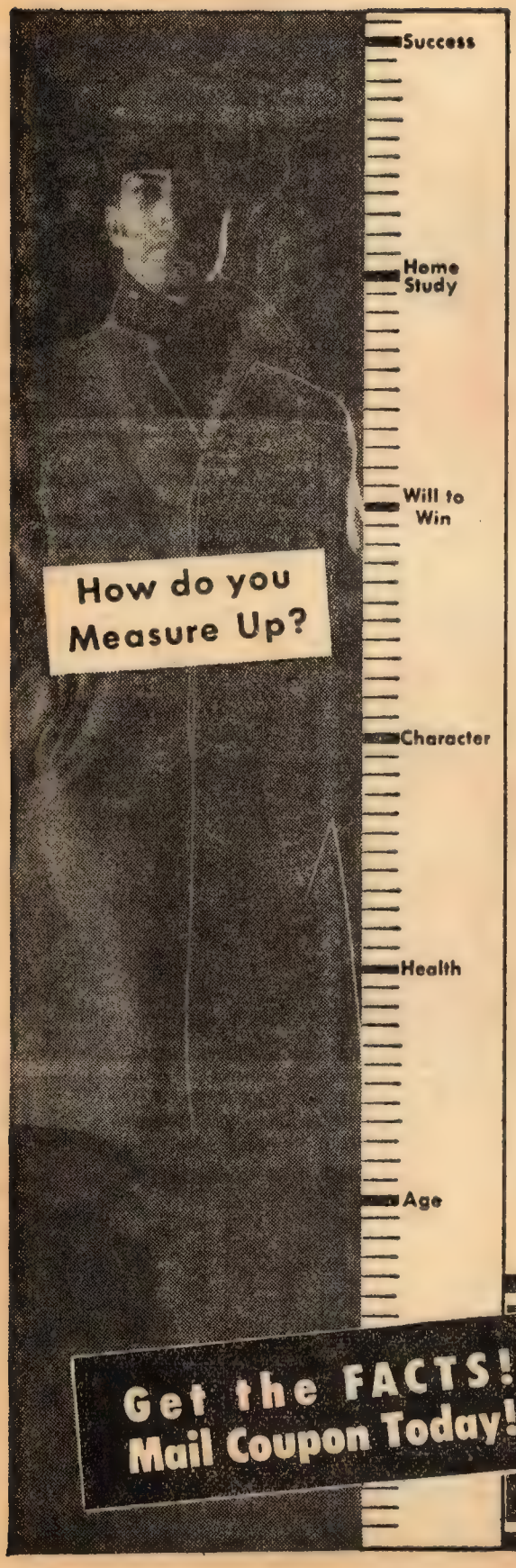


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SINCE HOO LI HAS KILLED CHEN LOW'S REPUTATION, WE SAY HE MUST PROVE HIMSELF BY KILLING CHEN LOW, THE MAN!
WHAT? BUT... BUT WHY?
YOU MUST FINISH WHAT YOU HAVE BEGUN!
HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, MY SON! IT IS WRITTEN THAT IF YOUR CAUSE BE JUST, THE HAND IS SURE...
IF NOT-- THEN DEATH IS SURE! BUT OF COURSE YOUR CAUSE IS JUST... FOR YOU ARE MY SON!
AND WHEN YOU PROVE YOURSELF THIS NIGHT, YOU SHALL TAKE YOUR PLACE AS HEAD OF MY HOUSE! I AM GROWING OLD, HOO LI!
HEAD OF MY FATHER'S HOUSE!
IF YOU DO NOT GO YOU MUST ADMIT YOU LIED! AND IF YOU LIED, YOU LOSE ALL!
I... I... WILL GO!
..... ...
I MUST FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS!
THE COWARDLY HOO LI SOON STARTS ON HIS MISSION OF "HONOR"...
GREAT POWER AND WEALTH ARE MINE... BUT ONLY IF I KILL CHEN LOW! AND I'M AFRAID!
AH! IT IS MING AND LAO! THEY WILL DO ANYTHING FOR A PRICE! HMM...

A FEW MINUTES LATER...
TO KILL CHEN LOW... THE PRICE WILL BE HIGH! HE IS VERY STRONG!
I WILL PAY IT! TONIGHT I SUCCEED MY FATHER IN HIS HOUSE! COME THERE LATER AND YOU SHALL BE PAID ... WELL!
USE THIS HATCHET AND BRING CHEN LOW'S DRAGON SHIRT AS PROOF! I WILL AWAIT YOU HERE! BE SURE YOU ARE NOT SEEN!
LATER...
IT IS DONE! BEHOLD-- WE HAVE CHEN LOW'S DRAGON SHIRT!
YOU HAVE DONE WELL! COME TO MY FATHER'S HOUSE...LATER!
AT THE HOUSE OF WONG SAN...
YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF, MY SON! I PROUDLY STEP DOWN AND GIVE MY HOUSE TO YOU!
I AM HUMBLE, MY FATHER!
IT WAS SO EASY! FOOLS! THEY HAVE MET THEIR MASTER!
SUDDENLY...
STOP, WONG SAN! WOULD YOU STEP DOWN FOR A COWARD AND A LIAR?
CHEN LOW! DO MY OLD EYES BETRAY ME?
NO! I LIVE, WONG SAN! YOUR SON HIRED THESE HATCHET MEN TO SLAY ME, FEARING TO DO IT HIMSELF!
NO! NO! HE LIES! I... UGH!
HOO LI DID NOT KNOW THESE MEN ARE NOW OF MY HOUSE!... THEY CAME TO ME AND I BAITED A TRAP FOR HIM!
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THE DRAGON SHIRT I GLADLY SHED... THE BLOOD ON THE HATCHET IS THAT OF A BUTCHERED PIG!
HOO LI KILLED MY REPUTATION TO AVOID PAYING A DEBT, BUT HE WAS TOO COWARDLY TO KILL ME!
MY SON! MY SON! IS THIS TRUE?
HE DARE NOT DENY IT! THESE MEN AND THE EVIDENCE SWEAR TO IT!
I AM FAINT! MY SON, YOU HAVE BROUGHT DISGRACE UPON YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE!
YOU HAVE GRAVELY WRONGED CHEN LOW! YOU MUST BE PUNISHED ...SEVERELY!
PLEASE, FATHER! I'LL NEVER DISGRACE YOU AGAIN!
SILENCE! YOUR INHERITANCE IS FORFEIT, AND YOU SHALL TOIL AS A SERVANT IN THIS HOUSE --UNDER PAIN OF DEATH!
AND WHEN I DIE, CHEN LOW WILL SUCCEED ME! HE IS A JUST MAN!... OBEY HIM AND HONOR HIM! IT IS MY WISH!
NO... NO... FATHER... I DIDN'T MEAN IT TO END THIS WAY!

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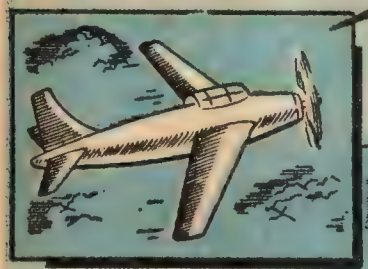

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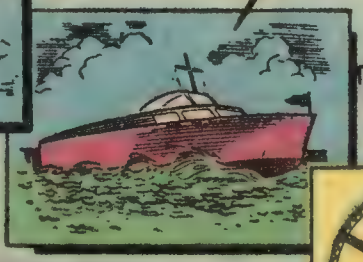

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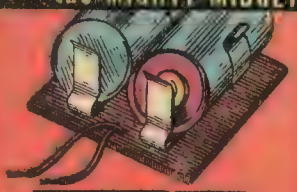

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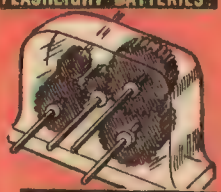

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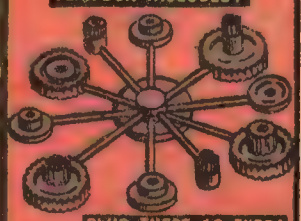

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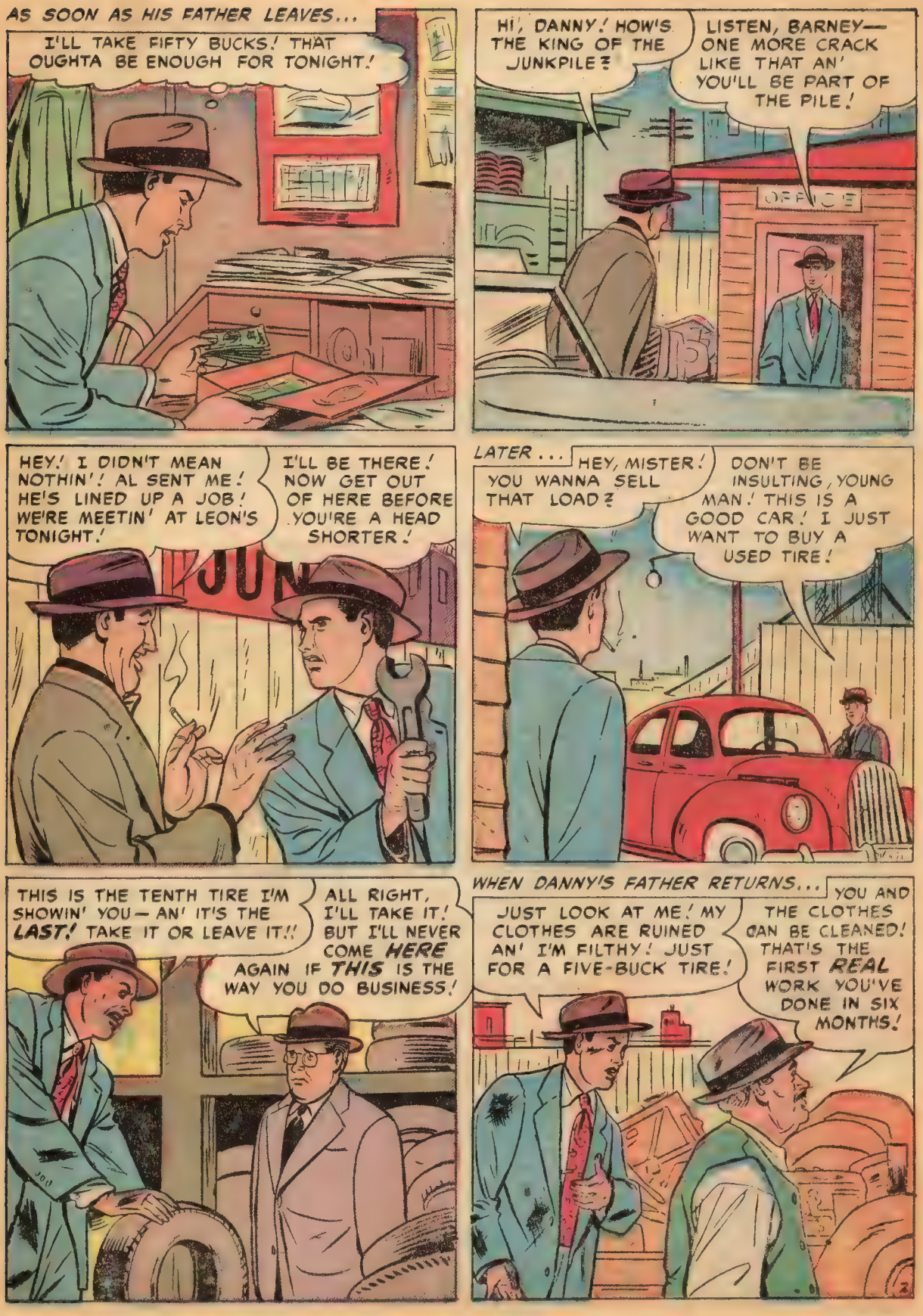
"COMMIT A CRIME AND THE WORLD IS MADE OF GLASS"

# the RUSTY GRAVEYARD

FROM THE FILES OF REAL CLUE'S "WORLD OF THE ANGLES" CRIME FILE No. 1939

DANNY WAS A WELL-MANICURED HOODLUM... HE WENT FOR PINK CONVERTIBLES—NOT THE MOUNTAIN OF RUSTY BANGED-UP HEAPS OF HIS FATHER'S JUNKYARD... IT WAS A HATEFUL GRAVEYARD THAT WASN'T MEANT FOR HIS PINKIES... SO NOW DANNY IS A LITTLE ANNOYED WHEN HIS FATHER SENDS FOR HIM...

RAP METAL
JUNK
WHAT DO YOU WANT, DAD? YOU KNOW I'M BUSY!
I KNOW, DANNY! VERY BUSY... AT THE POOLROOM! I WANT YOU TO MIND THE JUNK YARD WHILE I'M GONE!
JUNK! WHY DON'T YOU SELL OUT? I'M FED UP BEIN' CALLED THE JUNKIE'S SON!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH JUNK? IT'S GIVEN US A GOOD LIVING, DANNY! WHY, I EVEN BUILT YOU A CAR FROM SALVAGED PARTS!
OFFICE
YEAH! ANOTHER PILE OF JUNK! OKAY, I'LL HANG AROUND— BUT STEP ON IT! I'VE GOT A HEAVY DATE!
ALL RIGHT, DANNY! I WON'T BE LONG!


AS SOON AS HIS FATHER LEAVES...
I'LL TAKE FIFTY BUCKS! THAT OUGHTA BE ENOUGH FOR TONIGHT!
HI, DANNY! HOW'S THE KING OF THE JUNKPILE?
LISTEN, BARNEY— ONE MORE CRACK LIKE THAT AN' YOU'LL BE PART OF THE PILE!
OFFICE
HEY! I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'! AL SENT ME! HE'S LINED UP A JOB! WE'RE MEETIN' AT LEON'S TONIGHT!
I'LL BE THERE! NOW GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU'RE A HEAD SHORTER!
LATER...
HEY, MISTER! YOU WANNA SELL THAT LOAD?
DON'T BE INSULTING, YOUNG MAN! THIS IS A GOOD CAR! I JUST WANT TO BUY A USED TIRE!
THIS IS THE TENTH TIRE I'M SHOWIN' YOU— AN' IT'S THE LAST! TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL TAKE IT! BUT I'LL NEVER COME HERE AGAIN IF THIS IS THE WAY YOU DO BUSINESS!
WHEN DANNY'S FATHER RETURNS...
JUST LOOK AT ME! MY CLOTHES ARE RUINED AN' I'M FILTHY! JUST FOR A FIVE-BUCK TIRE!
YOU AND THE CLOTHES CAN BE CLEANED! THAT'S THE FIRST REAL WORK YOU'VE DONE IN SIX MONTHS!

DANNY! THERE'S FIFTY DOLLARS MISSING! I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD HAVE IT!
COME OFF IT, DAD! YOU'VE GOT PLENTY— A FEW BUCKS WON'T BREAK YOU!
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CHEAP CROOK!!- NOW GO ON... GET OUT OF HERE!!
OKAY— HAVE IT YOUR WAY! I'M FED UP WITH THIS DUMP ANYWAY!
THAT EVENING AT LEON'S PLACE...
THIS JOB IS GONNA BE WORTH PLENTY, DANNY! ARE YOU INTERESTED?
SURE, I'M INTERESTED! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' A LONG TIME FOR AN EASY SET-UP!
A FEW NIGHTS LATER...
OKAY! THE GUARD'S TAKEN CARE OF!
GOOD! C'MON, LET'S GET THE DOUGH BEFORE SOMEONE COMES ALONG!
DORHAM SHIPPING CO
WOW! I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT MUCH CASH BEFORE!
THIS BEATS SELLIN' JUNK, DON'T IT, DANNY?
DORHAM SHIPPIN CO.
I LIKE THE WAY YOU TOOK THAT GUARD— SO HERE'S A LITTLE BONUS— FIFTEEN GRAND INSTEAD OF TWELVE!
THANKS, AL! NOW I REALLY CAN PAINT THE TOWN RED!
CONTINUED

# Meet The Man...

## Who Can Tell You How To Lick

# PIMPLES

**ACNE AND ALL OTHER EXTERNALLY CAUSED SKIN BLEMISHES And Make Them**

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Here is Mr. John A. Rubine, Ph.G. — a well-known pharmacist who has spent almost 20 years trying to solve one of the most vexing problems of youth — and adults too — unsightly, acne pimples, blackheads and similar externally caused skin conditions.

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HE BLESSES RUBIN-EX! No one can realize the humiliation — almost disgrace — of a face marred by pimples and blackheads. I had them so bad that I felt no one wanted to look at me. Today my pimples are gone — and I bless Rubin-Ex — that did it.— Mr. Bob I.R., Long Island.

LUCKY DAY FOR HER! For years I was embarrassed and ashamed of my pimply face and blotchey complexion. It was a lucky day for me when I was told about Rubin-Ex. My pimples disappeared from sight instantly and my complexion improved 100%.—Miss Jane G.L., Bronx.

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Rubin-Ex FORMULA #1 is a special cleaning agent that really gets down in the skin pores and thoroughly cleans them out as no soap can. It also removes excess oil thus correcting excessive oiliness in your skin, one of the principal causes of pimples and blackheads.

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And while it is hiding your ugly blemishes from critical eyes, its medication is actually at work to clean them up. It contains an ingredient that relieves the fiery itching, another to soothe and heal the irritation, and still another which gently and harmlessly flakes off the dead, hard outer skin, leaving your face and complexion much smoother and clearer. You can use Rubin-Ex day and night, for it is neutral when applied and does not interfere with make-up. Makes an excellent powder base.

## HOW YOU MAY TRY RUBIN-EX AT OUR RISK

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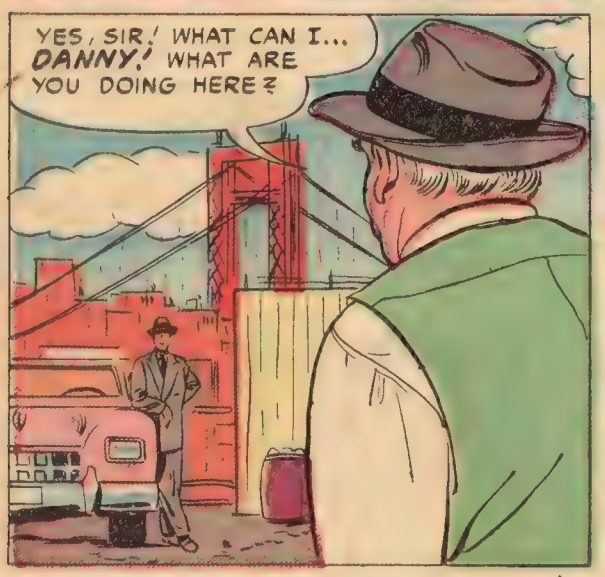
THE WEEKS PASS AND DANNY RIDES HIGH ON A WAVE OF SUCCESSFUL ROBBERIES...



HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW HEAP, DAD? I DIDN'T BUY IT ON HANDOUTS EITHER!
BUT YOU DIDN'T GET IT HONESTLY, DANNY! I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND WITH AL FINCH! HE'S NO GOOD! HE...
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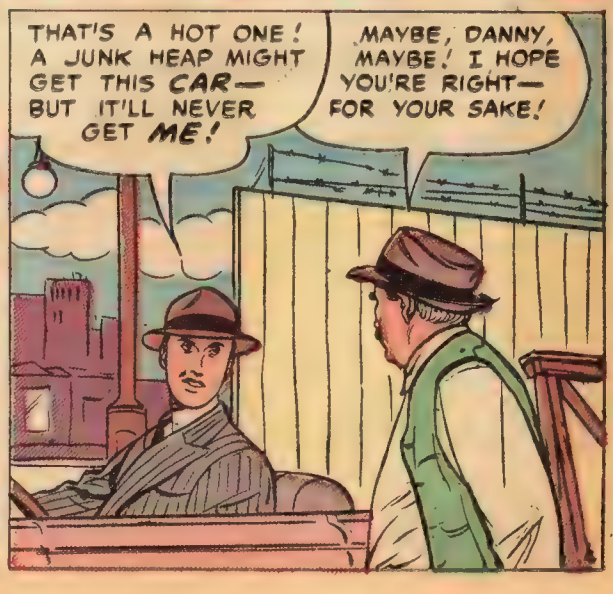
FORGET THE LECTURE, DAD! YOU DON'T SEE AL WITH JUNK!
EVERYTHING IS JUNK SOONER OR LATER, SON! IT'S THE SAME WITH PEOPLE WHO GO WRONG!



NEXT EVENING AT THE LAWSON FINANCE COMPANY . . .
ALL RIGHT!— EVERYONE HUG THE WALL OR I'LL BLAST YOU!
I'M ALL PACKED! LET'S GO!
LOOK OUT, DANNY! YOU'RE STEPPIN' ON THE ALARM!
RRRINNG
C'MON GET ROLLIN'... HERE COME THE COPS!
WHEEEEE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE COPS! THIS HEAP IS BUILT FOR SPEED!
OKAY... OKAY! HEAD FOR YOUR JUNK YARD, DANNY! THAT MIGHT THROW THE COPS OFF OUR TAIL!
OH, NO, AL... I DON'T WANT NOTHIN' MORE TO DO WITH JUNK!
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD! HEY-- LOOK OUT--WE'RE GONNA CRASH!!
JUNK
CRASH!
MY NEW CAR!! IT'S A WRECK!
STOW IT! WE'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE! YOUR OLD MAN CAN SCRAP THIS WRECK!

LATER IN THE JUNK YARD...
THE COPS ARE STILL AROUND! HIDE THE CASH AN' WE'LL SEPARATE!
WHEEEEE!
OKAY, AL! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
AFTER AL AND BARNEY LEAVE...
NO ONE'D THINK OF LOOKIN' FOR A HUNDRED GRAND IN THE TIRE OF A JUNKED CAR!!
DAD WILL SEE THIS NOTE AN' KNOW I WASN'T KILLED! HE WON'T CALL THE COPS!
NEXT MORNING...
DANNY'S NEW CAR! THIS NOTE SAYS HE'S NOT HURT!
BREAK THIS ONE UP... IT GOES WITH THE SHIPMENT!
A FEW HOURS LATER, WHEN AL AND DANNY COME TO RECOVER THE LOOT...
DAD! WHERE'S MY CAR? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT? I GOTTA FIND IT!!
I SENT IT OUT WITH A LOAD OF JUNK BOUND FOR SOUTH AMERICA! DON'T WORRY! I'LL GIVE YOU THE TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS IT WAS WORTH!
YOU STUPID... I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED A JUNKIE'S SON TO HAVE ANY BRAINS!
NO, AL! DON'T! I DIDN'T MEAN... OHHHH!
BANG!
DAD SAID I'D WIND UP ON A JUNKPILE... BUT IF I DO, AL... YOU'RE COMIN' WITH ME!!
BANG!

# Little Round Orphans

IF there was anything that Scratch Hagen, most notorious forger in America, hated, it was cold weather. And as he flexed his numb fingers inside the office of the United States Trust Company's Boston office, he had one thought uppermost in mind: to pick up a fast, easy fortune and get to warmer zones as fast as possible.

It was January, and Boston was as chilly as he ever had experienced it. But in a few minutes, he chuckled to himself, he would be closing the hottest deal in town.

The bank cashier's smile was warm and friendly.

"I'd like a cashier's check for $20," said Scratch easily.

"Certainly, sir. To whom shall I make it out?"

"Myself. James J. Bond," he replied.

Heading back to the hotel, Scratch didn't feel quite so chilly any more. In fact the blood was coursing through his veins at a much more rapid rate, now that he felt that magic piece of paper in his pocket. For this magic little sheet was going to take him and his partner, Sam Wiley, to the southland in style for the entire winter.

Aboard the train back to New York an hour later he carefully thought out the next step in his "brilliant" scheme. There wasn't going to be any boners this time, Scratch vowed. He'd learned by those three previous stretches in penitentiaries, he told himself. He just couldn't make a mistake any more. He knew that.

For the next three weeks he scarcely left his lower East Side hideout. Day and night he ran pieces of paper through a strange machine. Finally, one chilly morning, he came up with the copy he sought—a perfect reproduction of the cashier's check—in blank. The only other job to be done was to fill in the signatures. And nobody in the country was better at name-writing than Scratch Hagen.

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Scratch thought the cashier in the teller's cage at the National Safety Bank and Trust Company on Broadway would never get through studying the check and the deposit slip he pushed through the window that afternoon. After what seemed like years, he picked up the bankbook and ran it through the accounting machine. The white-haired forger began to breathe again. There was now $7,500 to his credit in the bank. There was less than 25 cents in his pocket.

Now it was time to pick up his partner, Sam Wiley. Sam was just the sidekick Scratch needed. Though he had spent most of his life at the racetracks, Wiley had never had a brush with the law. And now that he was broke, he was ready to listen to any offer.

Reading Sam's worried face, Scratch pushed him back into a chair.

"Relax," he smiled. "All we have to do is wait a few days for that check to clear and then I send you to the bank to draw it out with a check in my name."

Pooling their resources at lunch time, they found their cash assets totaled less than two dollars—plus a couple of slugs, which Sam explained were useable in the subways.

"We'll each keep one as a souvenir—to the days when we used to worry about money," said Scratch wryly. They both laughed.

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Then it was Fate's turn to step into the picture. For the all-important check found its way into

the hands of the same bank officer who had written the cashier's check for Hagen. As he scanned the large figures the smile faded from his face, and a grim expression replaced it.

"A forgery," he snapped. In the same breath he was dispatching an alarm to Hagen's New York bank.

It was a cocksure Sam Wiley who swaggered up to the cashier's window the next fateful morning. He was taking a trial run with a small eight-dollar check to see how the wind blew.

In the cashier's cage, the mild-looking teller suddenly stiffened as he read the signature of James J. Bond. In the next instant, a bank guard was tapping the alarmed Sam Wiley on the shoulder, and guiding him by the arm:

"The vice-president wants to see you," the guard said. "I'll take you to his office."

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Inside the vice-president's office, a pair of official-looking men scanned Wiley appraisingly.

"Wiley," said the taller of the two, flashing a badge, "we want you to take us to this James J. Bond."

The white-faced, gasping Wiley wiped his perspiring brow with a handkerchief.

"If you're involved with Scratch Hagen, as we have reason to believe because of the skill of this forgery, you're already up to your neck in trouble. Cooperate with the law and you may get leniency."

All the way back to the hotel, flanked by the two officers, Sam Wiley fought a hundred mental battles. Why had he ever been sucker enough to fall for the line of a three-time loser like Scratch Hagen And what would Scratch say when he walked in with the law?

But it was Sam who got the shock when he led the two detectives into the hotel room. The white-haired expert was greeting them with a polite smile.

"You didn't tell me you were bringing back friends, Sam," chuckled Scratch.

"Never mind the act," cut in one of the detectives, "we know you're Scratch Hagen and we know you're responsible for that $7,500 forgery job."

Scratch recoiled as though struck.

"I have credentials to prove I am James J. Bond," he said. "If you try to book me I shall sue the city for false arrest."

The detectives rubbed their chins. They certainly didn't want to become involved in false arrest, yet they knew they had the country's No. 1 forger trapped. It would take some kind of technicality to place him under arrest so that they would have time to draw up charges.

Glancing around the room, the sharp eyes of one of the detectives fell on a metal slug lying on the dresser . . . the same kind they had found in Wiley's coat pocket during a preliminary shakedown.

"Using subway slugs, eh, Hagen?" snapped the taller detective, "that's good enough for us—for the present."

Frantically, the wily Scratch tried to explain, as they whisked him to headquarters, that the slugs were only for his amusement. Once he was booked and fingerprinted, he knew, his identity would be unmistakeable.

But Scratch wasn't through yet. When they pushed the telltale fingerprints under his nose, he countered with a fresh argument:

"Very well, gentlemen," he said, "I'm Thomas Hagen. But I'm an old man. Why pick on me? I never forged that check and you can't prove I did."

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Once again the law grudgingly admitted Hagen was right. There was just one chance of convicting Hagen. And that was to prove that there was a connection between the slug belonging to Scratch and the one belonging to Wiley.

Now the law was clicking again. The district attorney called in a famous metallurgist. This man had a reputation for being able to trace metals by the characteristic marks left by dies when fabricated.

After a moment's examination of the two slugs, the metallurgist was able to say that their nicks and grooves proved they were of a lot, both turned on the same machine. The very crudeness of their finish made the expert's task all the easier.

"Take a look, Mr. Hagen," he invited.

Scratch bent over the microscope and saw for himself the gashes and other marks standing out like fingerprints. He sighed and admitted nothing. But it was plain that he had given up.

While Scratch was being led off to his cell to face a life sentence at the age of 62, a detective said to him:

"You may have been boss of the forgers, Scratch, but you weren't so smart in the other departments. First, you made the amount of the check so big it was bound to be noticed by a higher official. Second, you waited too long to cash it. Third, a so-called big-time operator like yourself must have stopped thinking altogether by letting yourself get caught with nickel-ante stuff like subway slugs."

The End

"COMMIT A CRIME AND THE WORLD IS MADE OF GLASS"

# The CROWN IN THE MUD

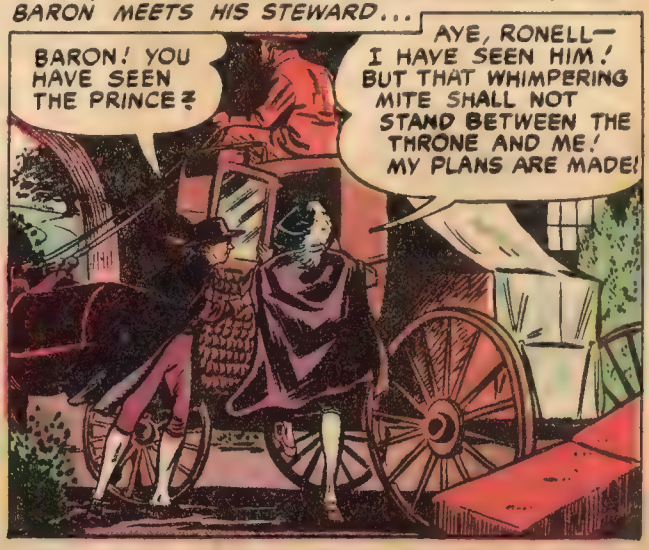
FROM THE FILES OF REAL CLUE'S "WHISPERS OF THE VILLAGES"
CRIME FILE No. 1925

THE PROUD KING OF A SMALL EUROPEAN COUNTRY SHOWS OFF HIS INFANT SON TO A VISITOR.... THE VISITOR IS THE KING'S COUSIN, A BARON — AND A SCHEMING MAN WHO BURNS WITH JEALOUSY AT SIGHT OF THE INFANT PRINCE... BECAUSE THE BARON WAS NEXT IN LINE FOR THE CROWN — BUT NOW HIS HOPES ARE KILLED BY THE TINY HELPLESS FIGURE BEFORE HIM .....

A BEAUTIFUL CHILD, YOUR MAJESTY! AND YET--- WHAT A PITY TO THINK THAT SOME DAY HE WILL BE KING, WEIGHED DOWN BY A THOUSAND CARES!
A MAN CANNOT ESCAPE HIS DESTINY, COUSIN! THIS LITTLE ONE WAS BORN TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE!
MIKE ROY

YOU MUST DRINK A TOAST WITH ME! TO PRINCE CHARLES!
GLADLY! TO PRINCE CHARLES!
MAY HE NEVER WEAR THE CROWN WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINE!

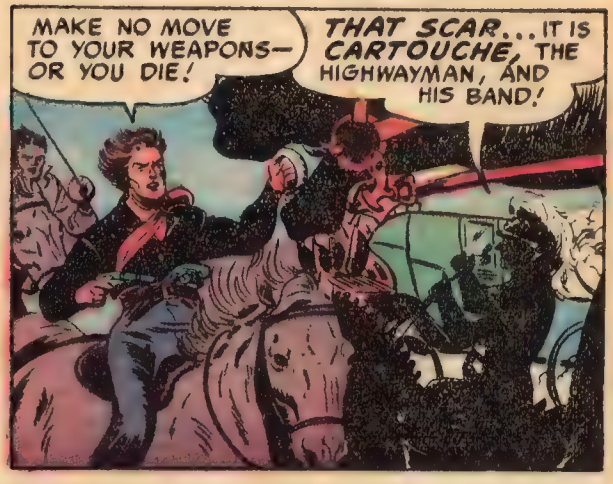
LATER, IN THE COURTYARD OF THE CHATEAU, THE BARON MEETS HIS STEWARD...


BARON! YOU HAVE SEEN THE PRINCE?
AYE, RONELL— I HAVE SEEN HIM! BUT THAT WHIMPERING MITE SHALL NOT STAND BETWEEN THE THRONE AND ME! MY PLANS ARE MADE!

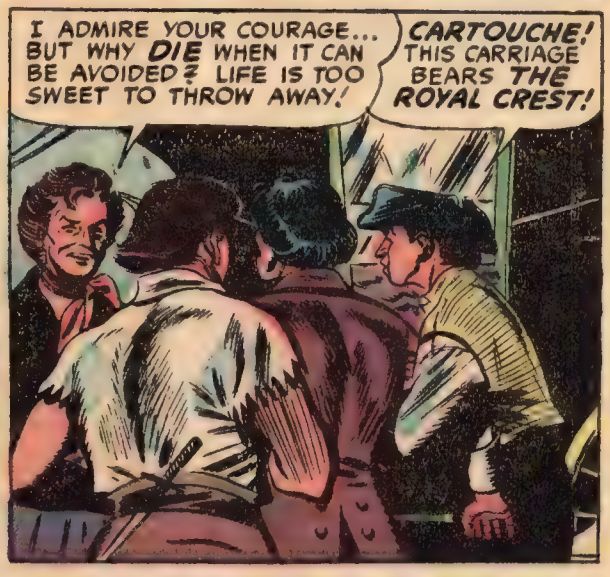
SO A CARRIAGE LEAVES A COURTYARD, A SIGNAL IS GIVEN... AND AN HOUR AFTERWARD...
THE FOOLS! TO LEAVE THIS ROOM UNGUARDED! IT WILL BE EASIER THAN WE THOUGHT!
AYE! BUT IF THE NURSE RETURNS BEFORE WE ARE GONE, OUR HEADS WILL ROLL! QUICKLY! QUICKLY!
AND LATER, MANY MILES AWAY...
YOU HAVE THE CHILD! GOOD! BUT HE HAS BEEN HURT!
AN ACCIDENT, MY LORD! AS WE WERE RUNNING FROM THE CHATEAU, I FELL WITH THE INFANT!
NEVER MIND! YOU WILL TAKE THE CHILD DEEP INTO THE WOODS! GO!
YES, M'LORD!
DAYS LATER, AT THE CASTLE DORNAY...
THREE DAYS AND NOT A WORD! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED! I FEEL IT! I MUST SEE THE KING!
BUT WE LEFT THE CHILD IN THE WOODS! IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FOUND!
NEXT DAY...
M'LORD! YOU ARE BACK! WHAT NEWS?
THEY HAVE OUTWITTED ME, RONELL! THEY HAVE FOUND A FALSE PRINCE! A FOUNDLING!
THEN... THEY DO NOT MEAN TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUTH! THEY FEAR UNREST! BUT IF THE PEOPLE KNEW!
THEY WOULD NOT BELIEVE! BUT MY AMBITION WILL NOT BE QUENCHED! I WILL BE KING! SOME DAY! SOMEHOW!!
SO THE YEARS GO BY! AN ORPHAN IS RAISED AS A PRINCE, AND ONE DAY...
I WILL MISS YOU, CHARLES... BUT THE PEOPLE WISH TO SEE YOU! BE EVERY INCH A PRINCE, MY SON!
I WILL FATHER!

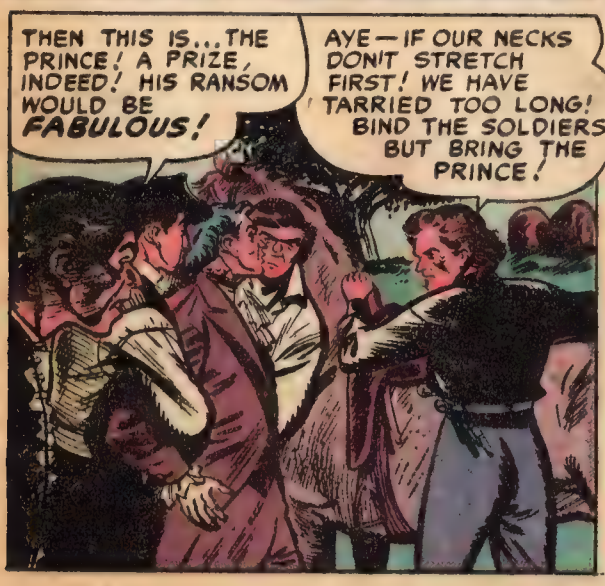
AND LATER...
HOW THE YEARS GO BY, JUSTINE! ONE DAY SOON, THAT BOY WILL BE KING! IF ONLY HE COULD HAVE BEEN--MY OWN SON!
I KNOW, YOUR MAJESTY! BUT CHARLES WILL BE A KING WORTHY OF THE NAME! THE PEOPLE LOVE HIM AND HE LOVES THEM!

FOR TWENTY YEARS THE SECRET HAS BEEN KEPT, EVEN FROM THE FALSE PRINCE! HIS THOUGHTS ARE FAR FROM INTRIGUE AND VIOLENCE. BUT THEN, HOURS LATER...

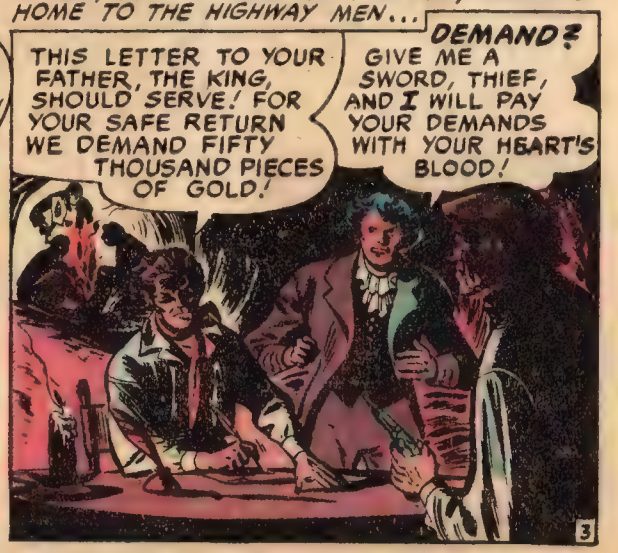


YOUR PARDON, M'LORD... BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT IS IN YOUR PURSE!
WOULD YOU, INDEED? BUT FIRST YOU SHALL SEE WHAT IS IN MY SCABBARD!


I ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE... BUT WHY DIE WHEN IT CAN BE AVOIDED? LIFE IS TOO SWEET TO THROW AWAY!
CARTOUCHE! THIS CARRIAGE BEARS THE ROYAL CREST!


THEN THIS IS... THE PRINCE! A PRIZE, INDEED! HIS RANSOM WOULD BE FABULOUS!
AYE— IF OUR NECKS DON'T STRETCH FIRST! WE HAVE TARRIED TOO LONG! BIND THE SOLDIERS, BUT BRING THE PRINCE!

LATER, IN A CAVERN BY THE SEA, WHICH IS HOME TO THE HIGHWAY MEN...


THIS LETTER TO YOUR FATHER, THE KING, SHOULD SERVE! FOR YOUR SAFE RETURN WE DEMAND FIFTY THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD!
DEMAND? GIVE ME A SWORD, THIEF, AND I WILL PAY YOUR DEMANDS WITH YOUR HEART'S BLOOD!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AT THE PALACE...
YOUR MAJESTY! I WAS IN THE PALACE AND HEARD THE NEWS! I CAME AT ONCE TO OFFER MY SERVICES! IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP!
IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO COME, COUSIN... BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE! WE MUST SEND MY ENVOY AS THIS CARTOUCHE DEMANDS!
AND WHO IS BETTER TO BE TRUSTED WITH SUCH A MISSION THAN THE COUSIN TO THE KING! THE NEXT DAY, AT AN ISOLATED HUT...
WHAT... WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS CARTOUCHE! YOU WERE WISE TO FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS AND COME WITHOUT SOLDIERS!
YOU ARE CARTOUCHE? YOU? YOU ARE THE MAN I MUST DEAL WITH!
ALL IN GOOD TIME, MY FRIEND! WE SHALL DEAL WITH EACH OTHER, BUT NOT HERE!
SO, LATER...
COUSIN!
YOU KNOW EACH OTHER? CHARMING! BUT... TO BUSINESS! YOU AGREE TO DELIVER THE RANSOM, M'LORD?
FOR HIS RELEASE... NO! BUT I WILL PAY FOR HIS DEATH! NOT FIFTY THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD BUT A HUNDRED THOUSAND!
IT IS A STRANGE EMISSARY WHO WOULD ASK THE DEATH OF THE PRINCE! I AM CURIOUS! WHY?
WHY? WITH HIS DEATH, I AM NEXT IN LINE TO WEAR THE CROWN! I HAVE WAITED TWENTY YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT!
SO YOU WOULD BE KING, EVEN AT THE COST OF MURDER! EVEN A HIGHWAYMAN KNOWS SUCH THINGS ARE NOT SIMPLE! THE PEOPLE...
THE PEOPLE ARE SHEEP WHO NEED AN IRON HAND! BUT THAT IS NOT YOUR CONCERN! YOU WILL AGREE?
NO, MY LORD! I WILL NOT!
NO! CARTOUCHE — A HUNDRED THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD! WE WOULD ALL BE RICH!

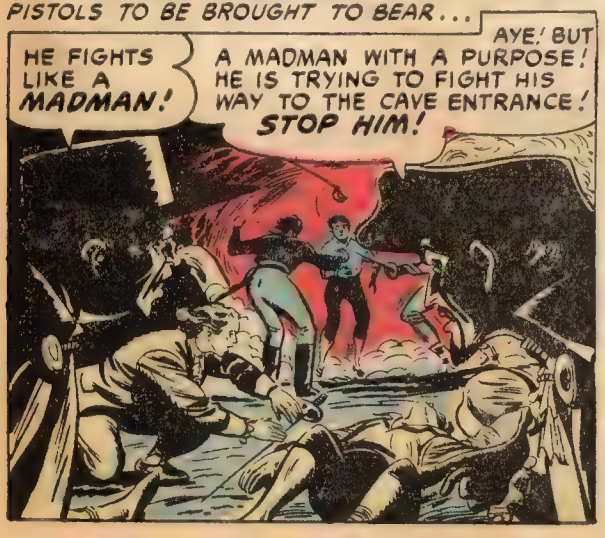
I AM A THIEF, A MAN WHO DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HIS TRUE NAME! BUT I DO NOT MURDER! WOULD YOU KILL YOUR OWN PRINCE FOR GOLD?
YOU FOOL! THIS PRINCE YOU SEEK TO PROTECT WOULD HAVE YOU ALL HANGED IF HE COULD!

BUT WORDS MAKE LITTLE IMPRESSION UPON CARTOUCHE! LATER...

BAH! IF IT WERE IN MY HANDS, THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT!
BUT IT COULD BE IN YOUR HANDS! YOU LIVE LIKE PIGS WHEN YOU COULD BE RICH! YOU LET HIM TURN UP HIS NOSE AT GOLD! YOUR GOLD!

YOU HAVE OVERREACHED YOURSELF, CARTOUCHE! YOUR MEN LIKE THE SMELL OF GOLD EVEN IF YOU DO NOT!
SO—IT IS TO BE MURDER THEN... AND I AM TO BE INCLUDED! BUT I DO NOT DIE SO EASILY!

A BLADE FLICKS FROM ITS SCABBARD, A TABLE IS OVERTURNED... AND THERE IS NOT TIME FOR PISTOLS TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR...



AND CARTOUCHE IS RIGHT! A PRINCE MUST LIVE FOR HIS PEOPLE! IT IS NOT COWARDICE WHICH MAKES PRINCE CHARLES TURN...

STOP HIM! STOP HIM!

FIRST YOU MUST STOP ME, TRAITOROUS DOGS!

MINUTES LATER, ON THE ROAD NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAVERN...

THE KING'S DRAGOONS! THERE MAY STILL BE TIME!

BUT NO MAN, NOT EVEN A SWORDSMAN LIKE CARTOUCHE, CAN FIGHT FOREVER!

AT LAST! AFTER THE PRINCE, QUICKLY!

AS THE HIGHWAYMEN EMERGE FROM THE CAVERN...

DRAGOONS! BACK INTO THE CAVE! THERE MAY BE ANOTHER WAY OUT!

BUT THERE IS NO WAY OUT...

THEY'RE COMING! THE DRAGOONS AND THE PRINCE! WE ARE CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP... BECAUSE OF THAT... THAT MADMAN!

MADMAN, RONELL? DO YOU NOT KNOW YET WHO HE REALLY WAS? YET YOU WERE THERE THAT DAY!

THE INFANT... THAT DAY IN THE WOODS... IT HAD BEEN HURT! IT HAD TWO CRESCENT-SHAPED GASHES ON ITS LEFT CHEEK!

YES, RONELL! AS HE HAS! THIS IS THE TRUE PRINCE CHARLES!

AND AS THE DRAGOONS APPEAR...

IT WAS HIS DESTINY TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE! HIS FATHER THE KING SAID THAT LONG AGO! ONE CANNOT TRIFLE WITH DESTINY, RONELL! BUT I HAVE LEARNED IT TOO LATE!

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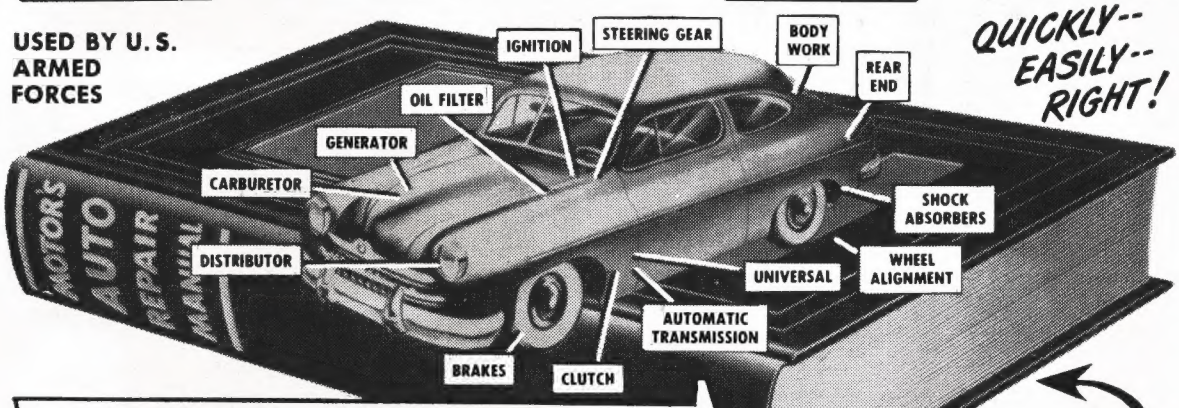


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